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By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request -  
Departmental - Agriculture)**

Requested: November 17, 2003

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Horse Industry Board - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Horse Industry Board to impose a  
4 certain penalty on any person who violates the Board's regulatory requirements;  
5 and generally relating to the enforcement authority of the Maryland Horse  
6 Industry Board.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Agriculture  
9 Section 2-718  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Agriculture**

15 2-718.

16 (A) Any person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a  
17 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 or  
18 imprisonment not exceeding 11 months or both.

19 (B) (1) THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ON ANY  
20 PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (2) THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT  
22 EXCEED:

23 (I) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, \$500;

24 (II) FOR A SECOND VIOLATION, \$1,000; AND

1                   (III)     FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, \$2,000.

2                   (3)     ALL PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE  
3 PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

4                   (4)     THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO  
5 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

6     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2004.